

The State Bar of California
Workers' Compensation Section Presents

"A DAY WITH THE RATERS":

HOW TO USE THE
AMA GUIDES AND THE
NEW PD SCHEDULE

APRIL 8, 2006

Los Angeles Airport Marriott
5855 West Century Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90045
(310) 641-5700

JUNE 3, 2006

San Francisco Airport Marriott
1800 Old Bay Shore Highway
Burlingame, CA 94010
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Six Hours MCLE & Legal
Specialization Credits

Program includes 6 hours of
MCLE and legal specialization
credits, program materials,
continental breakfast and
lunch. MCLE Credit

REGISTER ONLINE

www.calbar.ca.gov/workerscomp

*Attendees are encouraged to bring
their AMA Guides to the program
for maximum benefit.*

The State Bar of California and the Workers' Compensation Section
are approved State Bar of California MCLE providers.

*Seating is Limited.
Register Early!*

SPEAKERS:

Joe Miller, WCAB Chair

Blair McGowan, Disability Evaluation Unit Manager

Annalisa Faina, Disability Evaluation Unit Supervisor (Northern California)

Tess Snaer, Disability Evaluation Unit Supervisor (Southern California)

Barry Knight, Disability Evaluator, Bakersfield

Program Schedule

8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.

Registration

9:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.

Upper and Lower Extremities

DEU raters will describe how to interpret physicians' reports and how to spot any deficiencies that bar effective rating. Raters will then proceed through a step by step progressive analysis of rating upper and lower extremities under the AMA Guides, focusing on avoiding problem areas that may result in an inaccurate rating.

10:10 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

Attendees will use their AMA Guides and the skills and techniques taught in the first hour to solve a series of rating issues. DEU raters will guide participants step by step through the process.

11:10 A.M. – 12:00 Noon

DEU raters will summarize rating issues and problems raised during the prior two sessions. DEU raters will answer questions from the audience during the last ½ hour segment.

12:00 Noon – 1:30 P.M.

Lunch (Provided)

Speaker: WCAB Chair: Joe Miller

Topic: "Legal Developments Post SB899"

1:30 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.

Spinal Injuries

Using the format set forth in the morning program, the DEU raters will discuss the highlights and pitfalls of rating spinal injuries under the AMA Guides. Raters will focus on how to make maximum use of the new PD schedule and how to correctly apply Chapter 18 of the Guides dealing with "Pain Impairment."

2:40 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

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3:40 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.

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CANCELLATIONS/REFUND POLICY:

Cancellations and requests for refunds must be received in writing at least 5 working days before the program date.

QUESTIONS:

For registration information call (415) 538-2508. Telephone registration will not be accepted. For program content and/or Section information call (415) 538-2256.

ON-SITE:

On-Site registration will be on a space available basis. Call to confirm space availability.

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE:

For special assistance, please call (415) 538-2256 or TDD for speech and hearing impaired (415) 538-2231.

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Workers' Compensation Section of the State Bar of California

Registration Form

Note: One form per registrant. Photocopies may be used.

Choose Location

☐ April 8, 2006 at Los Angeles Airport Marriott

☐ June 3, 2006 at San Francisco Airport Marriott

Bar # _____ ☐ Applicant Attorney ☐ Defense Attorney ☐ Judge

Name _____

Firm _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____

Program package includes 6 hours of MCLE and legal specialization credits, program materials, continental breakfast and lunch.

Pre-Registration Fees

☐ Workers' Comp. Section Members\$195

☐ Non-Section Members\$260

Includes enrollment in the Workers' Compensation Section for 2006

☐ Workers' Comp. Section Enrollment Only\$65

****On-site Registration Fees are \$220 for Section Members and \$295 for Non Section Members****

AMOUNT ENCLOSED/TO BE CHARGED \$ _____

Credit Card Information (VISA/MasterCard Only)

I/we authorize the State Bar of California to charge my/our program registration to my/our VISA/MasterCard account. (No other credit card will be accepted.)

Account Number _____ Visa or MasterCard only

Expiration Date _____

Cardholder's Name _____

Cardholder's Signature _____

Deadline: In order to Pre-register, your form and check, payable to the State Bar of California, or credit card information, must be received five working days before the program.

Register online: www.calbar.ca.gov/workerscomp

MAIL TO: Program Registrations, State Bar of California, 180 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA 94105

FAX TO: Program Registrations at 415-538-2368. In order to fax your registration, credit card information is MANDATORY. (Photocopies of checks will NOT be accepted)